

## **What's New 2008-2009**

### **Title I**

Title I allows an LEA to carryover (forward) up to 15% of their previous year's allocation without penalty. LEAs that exceed this carryover limit may request a waiver of the prohibition once every three years. Past practice allowed LEAs to see all carryover dollars on page 2 of the CFP amendment before waivers were approved, indeed often before waivers were requested. For FY09 carryover amounts shown on the allocations page of the CFP electronic amendment will NOT include carryover dollars that exceed the allowable 15% limit until such time the LEA has an approved waiver to do so.

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### **Title IIA**

As a result of Federal monitoring of the VTDOE, the following new HQT requirements are in effect and are found in the "Assurances" section of the CFP electronic application:

1. Provide to the public the educator quality data required to be included in the annual LEA and school report cards including: the percentage of core area classes taught by teachers who were not highly qualified for their assignments (including situations where special educators are providing primary instruction in a core area), the percentage of teachers who were on emergency licenses, and the professional qualifications of the LEA's and school's educators.
2. The LEA assures that all teachers hired to teach in Title I funded programs are highly qualified for their anticipated assignments at the time of hire.
3. The LEA assures that all teachers paid with Title II, Part A class size reduction funds are highly qualified for their assignments.

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### **Title IV**

The Title IV waiver page has been eliminated. In its place, a simpler and more focused "Title IV form" has been created within the e-application which requires answers to three key questions instead of nine. This page needs to be completed for all programs using Title IV funds, but not for strategies that are supporting School Resource Officers, Student Assistance Personnel, or Safe and Drug Free Schools Coordinators. Note: In the e-application, the Title IV form page appears in the form of a POP-UP.

Title IV allows an LEA to carryover (forward) up to 25% of their previous year's allocation without penalty. LEAs that exceed this carryover limit must request a waiver annually or forfeit excess funds. Past practice allowed LEAs to see all carryover dollars on page 2 of the CFP amendment, before waivers were approved, indeed often before waivers were requested. For

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## **Title V**

In FY '09 Vermont did not receive a Title V allocation, however funds from Titles IIA, IID and IV may be transferred into Title V for strategies aligned with one of the 27 allowable uses.

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## **Schoolwide Fiscal Guidance**

The US Department of Education has issued non-regulatory guidance revising the Title I Fiscal Issues guidance that was released in May 2006. This guidance can be accessed at [<http://www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/legislation.html#policy>](http://www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/legislation.html#policy)

The URLs for the Word and pdf documents respectively are:  
<<http://www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/fiscalguid.doc>> and  
<<http://www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/fiscalguid.pdf>>

This new guidance document updates section E of the Title I Fiscal Issues guidance that addresses consolidating funds in schoolwide programs. In addition to revising the introduction to section E, the guidance adds answers to several new questions that clarify the purpose for consolidating funds in a schoolwide program; provides more detail on what it means to consolidate funds in a schoolwide setting; and describes, with examples, how an LEA might account for State, local, and Federal funds that are consolidated in a schoolwide program.

Basically, the fewer sources of funds a school puts into its Title I Schoolwide program, the less flexibility it has to operate same.

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## **Transferability**

Transferability may be affected by your new AYP status. Remember:

- 50% Amount LEAs may transfer of their yearly allocation from titles IIA, IID, IV and V if the LEA is not identified for improvement
- 30% Maximum percent that may be transferred from Titles IIA, IID, IV, V if an LEA is in year one or two of LEA improvement status
- 0% An LEA may not transfer funds between Titles if in corrective action.

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